

Biography of Speakers

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John Eatwell held several positions within the University of Cambridge, including Professor of Financial Policy at the Judge Business School and University Lecturer at the Faculty of Economics. He was a fellow of Trinity College from 1970 to 1996, when he was elected President of Queens'. With his other duties, Eatwell taught Economics at the New School for Social Research in New York city in the eighties and nineties. He was chief economic adviser to Neil Kinnock, the then-Leader of the Labour Party, from 1985 to 1992 and is a Labour member of the House of Lords as Baron Eatwell, of Stratton St Margaret in the County of Wiltshire. In 2010, he was appointed a Labour Opposition Spokesman for the Treasury in the House of Lords by new leader Ed Miliband.

Tessa Blackstone was educated at Ware Grammar School for Girls and the London School of Economics, where she gained a doctorate. Her academic career began at the former Enfield College (now Middlesex University) before she went on to become a lecturer at the LSE and Professor of Educational Administration at the University of London Institute of Education. She has also held research fellowships at the Centre for Studies in Public Policy and the Policy Studies Institute. An important part of her research works is dedicated to social and educational policy. She is a Labour life peer in the House of Lords and sits as Baroness Blackstone, of Stoke Newington in Greater London.

Francis Cripps is research associate at the Center for Financial Analysis and Policy of the University of Cambridge. As Co-Founder of Alphametrics in the 1980s he developed a databank and modelling package with Charles Renfro of Philadelphia USA and then built a front-office Treasury system for the Bank of Tokyo which was subsequently taken up by many other Japanese banks. In 1993 he moved to Thailand to establish a development centre that supports the Treasury package in Japan and across Asia for one of the world's largest banks. In Thailand he has also implemented planning systems for the Bureau of the Budget and a risk management system for the Public Debt Management Office.

Pierre Defraigne is the Executive Director of the Madariaga - College of Europe Foundation since April 2008. An economist and European civil servant from 1970 to 2005, he retired as Deputy Director-General in DG Trade in March 2005 after having been Head of Cabinet for Pascal Lamy, European Commissioner for Trade (1999-2002). Previously, he was Director for North-South Relations, and Head of Cabinet for Etienne Davignon, Vice-President of the European Commission (1977-1983). He has set up the Brussels branch of the French Institute for International Relations (Eur-Ifri), which he managed from 2005 to 2008.

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William Brett has worked as a journalist for a number of magazines, including the New Statesman and The Week. He has also worked on a number of political campaigns and as a parliamentary researcher for an MP. He is currently a PhD candidate at the Constitution Unit, UCL.

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Octavi Quintana Trias was trained as a medical doctor in the University of Barcelona. He joined the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission in 2002, serving first as the Director of Health Research for five years and subsequently as the Director of Energy (EURATOM) in the same DG. He is currently Director of the European Research Area. Prior to this, Octavi Quintana-Trias served for two years as Director of International Affairs in the Spanish Ministry for Health and Consumer Affairs and from 1990 – 2000 as Deputy Director General of INSALUD, the organisation which is responsible for the management of the health care system in Spain. He has also served as an advisor to the Pan American Health Organisation, working on health care systems in various Latin American countries (1994 – 2011). He was Vice-Chair of the European Group of Ethics (1994-2001) and Chair of the Steering Committee on Bioethics of the Council of Europe (1992–1995). Between 1996 and 1998, he was President of the Spanish Society of Quality Assurance on Health Care and Founder of the European Society of Quality Assurance on Health (ESQH). He has also worked as a professor in several universities in Spain, Europe and the US on bioethics and quality assurance and authored a number of papers in Spanish and international journals.